

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2007, claims 10, 11, 16, 20, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-11 and 13-22 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 13-15 were allowed over the prior art of record.

The Applicants thank the Examiner and formally recognize the allowable natures of claims 1-9 and 13-15. Applicants have made amendments to the claims as suggested in the Office Action to bring the remaining claims in order for allowance.

III. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and were not required for patentability or to distinguish the claims over the prior art.

IV. Abstract

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the abstract was objected to.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination and have amended the abstract as suggested in the Office Action.

V. Drawings

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Figures 2, 4a, 5, and 6 were objected to as not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as lacking a "prior art" legend.

Applicants submit herewith replacement sheets of drawings with the prior art legend attached. No new matter has been added.

VI. Non-Art Rejections

In paragraphs (4)-(10) of the Office Action, claims 10, 11 and 16-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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